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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: MUR 6967 (Kentucky State Democratic Central Executive Committee) - Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation Agreement

On September 17, 2015, the Commission found reason to believe that the Kentucky State Democratic Central Executive Committee and M. Melinda Karns in her official capacity as treasurer ("Committee") violated 11 C.F.R. § 106.7(d)(1) by failing to maintain payroll logs documenting the percentage of time each employee spent in connection with a federal election for \$820,979 in payroll disbursements, and authorized the Office of General Counsel to engage in pre-probable cause conciliation with the Committee. Attached is a negotiated conciliation agreement that has been signed by counsel for the Committee. Attach. 1. We recommend that the Commission accept this agreement and close the file in this matter.

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14 We believe this negotiated settlement represents an acceptable resolution of this matter.
15 We therefore recommend that the Commission accept the signed conciliation agreement with the
16 Committee and close the file.
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18 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
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- 20 1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Kentucky State Democratic Central
21 Executive Committee and M. Melinda Karns her official capacity as treasurer.
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23 2. Approve the appropriate letter.
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25 3. Close the file.
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